

REMARKS

The instant divisional application relates to the subject matter of Group I (which contains claims 1-4) as defined in the restriction requirement attached to the Notice of Allowability dated October 7, 2003, in the parent application. The subject matter of Group II was elected in the parent application (containing original claims 5-8 and added dependent claims 9 and 10) and such claims were allowed.

In the transmittal letter accompanying the instant divisional application, original claims 5-8 have been canceled thereby leaving claims 1-4 eligible for examination. The present Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to define the relationship between the present application and the parent and priority applications.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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